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6 roomed cottage, on car line, James Bay, for \$1,700.

7 roomed house, good location, electric light, hot air furnace, hot and cold water, for \$2,500.

Large lot on Niagara street, close to Park, on easy terms, for \$500.

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Cottage, N. Chatham street, with large lot, only \$1,650.

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Six roomed 1 1/2 story house, Chatham street, and lot, \$700.

Five roomed 1 1/2 story house, First street, and lot, \$650.

James Bay, 3 minutes from 2 story house, 8 rooms, hot and cold water, stable and coach house, a bargain, only \$300 cash required, \$2,300.

Lots For Sale

Richardson street, a nice lot for \$350.

On Port street car line, splendid building lot, \$900.

Cheap lots, off York street, \$125.

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Ferry street, large lot, cleared, \$500.

100 acres, Sooke, with 5 rooms, 2 story house, for \$400.

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Canadians Wanted

Mr. Chamberlain Asks for One Thousand Recruits for Baden-Powell's Force.

The Men Will Receive Free Transportation From Canada to Capetown.

Returned Soldiers Were Warmly Welcomed By the Citizens of Halifax.

(Associated Press.)

Halifax, Dec. 23.—The Lake Champlain arrived at 3 o'clock this morning, all well. The men received hearty greetings. There was a lot of delay in disembarking and unloading, and it was not until 2 o'clock that the train got under way. It is expected to reach Montreal about 2 o'clock to-morrow.

The Western Section.

Halifax, Dec. 24.—The western section of the first contingent who arrived on the Lake Champlain early yesterday morning left for Montreal last night, and will go direct from there by the Canadian Pacific to their destination.

Will Government Send Men?

Montreal, Dec. 24.—The Star's London cable says:

"London, Dec. 24.—Lord Kitchener has evidently made earnest appeals to the British government to dispatch immediately large drafts of mounted infantry to assist the war effort."

Some say he has asked for 40,000 men. "New Zealand is sending another contingent, and the Canadians are wondering whether, as Canada has no national force in South Africa, Strathcona's being the result of private munificence."

Canadians may not wish to send a second contingent of five hundred mounted men from the Northwest, to be raised and equipped by the Canadian government."

Transportation From Canada.

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—The militia department will shortly cause notices to be posted up throughout the country calling for recruits for General Baden-Powell's Transvaal constabulary force. The pay for the men will be five shillings per day from the date of landing at Capetown.

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town, with free transportation from Canada to South Africa.

Churchill's Opinion.

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—Mr. Winston Spencer Churchill, M. P., arrived in the city from Boston yesterday and is staying with His Excellency the Governor-General, Mr. Churchill, in an interview, says the Press will be troublesome for a long time yet, because many of them are the finest natural fighters extant, and they are too prejudiced and ignorant of outside affairs to see beyond immediate results, while only the quieter ones have gone back to their farms. Those now in the field are the most daring and reckless of the army, and the strictest measures possible will be the only way of bringing them into subjection. Mr. Churchill expressed himself in very high terms of the work done by the Canadian militia.

RECRUITS WANTED.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—Lord Minto has received a cable from Mr. Chamberlain asking for one thousand recruits from Canada for Baden-Powell's Transvaal force at five shillings per day.

If this number is recruited in the Dominion, then ten captains and fifteen lieutenants in the Imperial army will go to the Dominion militia.

Terrible Experiences

Steamer Charles D. Lane Was Within a Mile of the Rocks, When Rescued.

Engineer and Assistants Worked Twenty-Nine Hours With Water Up to Waists.

Steering Gear Gone—Several Vessels Were Driven Ashore in Recent Gales.

(Associated Press.)

Tacoma, Dec. 24.—Details are coming in of a shipping disaster on the north Pacific coast during the recent storms. The storm played havoc at Astoria, where the French bark General Milenet was stranded off a sandy shore; the steamer Oswego was swamped at her moorings, and lies in ten feet of water; the bark Muskoka dragged her anchor and struck the shore stern on, and the government lightship at McKenzie Head was driven high on the beach.

The steamer Charles D. Lane was towed into Puget Sound last night after terrible experiences, when threatened several times to send her to the bottom. When rescued, her furnace fires were flooded, her steering apparatus gone and she was lying helpless within a mile of the rocks just outside Cape Flattery. The Lane sailed on Tuesday with a cargo of lumber for Guayaquil. On Wednesday a terrific storm was encountered, and that evening the seas broke over the saloon, and extinguished the lights. Chief Engineer Knox and his men worked 24 hours in water up to their knees and waists to keep the pumps working, the Lane sent up signals of distress, and was eventually rescued by tugs.

Seven Men Drowned.

London, Dec. 24.—Dense fogs on the coast are greatly interfering with navigation, and several wrecks have occurred. The British steamer Brunsvick grounded in the channel, keeled over and sank. Seven of the crew were drowned.

GERMAN CLAIMS.

United States Government Will Not Accept Responsibility for Damages in Cuba.

(Associated Press.)

Washington, Dec. 24.—The German embassy has laid before the state department the claims of a number of Germans for damages to their interests in Cuba as a result of the Spanish-American war, and the insurance which led up to the war itself.

This action of the German government has raised the most important issue and the department of state has given it serious consideration. It has been concluded, however, that the United States government cannot accept responsibility for the claims. They are regarded as practically the same in principle as the claim of Porto Rico against Cuba for \$2,500,000 on account of a war loan.

ONLY ONE CAR.

Strike of Motormen and Conductors Ties Up Stock on the Seaboard Railway.

(Associated Press.)

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 24.—The strike of the motormen and conductors of the Seaboard Railway Company, which began yesterday, continues today. Only two of the strikers have deserted, and these were running one of two cars which the company was operating on one of the lines inside the city. Otherwise the service was tied up clear through from Preston to Forest City. President Charles M. Clark, of the company, arrived from Philadelphia last night, and was in conference to-day with General Manager Silliman. They expect to get more cars running to-morrow with men from Philadelphia, who were to be quartered in the company's office building.

CEREMONY AT ST. PETERS.

(Associated Press.)

Rome, Dec. 24.—The Pope performed to-day the ceremony of closing the Holy door of St. Peter's Cathedral with the gorgeous ceremonial usual to great functions of this kind. It was a magnificent spectacle. There was a great gathering of the princes of the church, who participated in the ceremony which was witnessed by enormous crowds.

GIRL ABDUCTED.

(Associated Press.)

Pueblo, Col., Dec. 24.—Maggie Noel, 18 years old, who lived with her sister, Mrs. Charles Peattie, in a lonely spot about three miles west of the city, was abducted on Saturday afternoon, and it is feared was murdered. On Saturday Mrs. Peattie left Maggie in charge of a little child. Upon her return two hours later her sister was gone.

FISHING BOATS MISSING.

(Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 24.—A dispatch from Aberdeen says that five Shetland fishing boats have been missing since the storm that raged last week, and it is feared that 27 fishermen have been drowned.

BARON DORMER DEAD.

(Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 24.—John Baptist Jos. Dormer, twelfth Baron Dormer, is dead, in the seventy-first year of his age.

Campbell's Prescription Store.

OUR

Christmas Goods

ARE ARRIVING

COR. FORT AND DOUGLAS STREETS.

Demands of The Powers

Text of the Joint Note Which is to Be Presented to China.

There Will Be No Escape From the Conditions of Atone-ment.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The state department today made public the text of the joint note of the powers to China. The official statement follows:

The following English version is understood to be in substance equivalent with the French text of the note to be addressed to the government of China, as decided upon by the representatives of co-operating powers at Peking, December 4th, 1900, and subsequently amended before signature:

During the months of May, June, July and August, of the current year, serious disturbances broke out in the northern provinces of China, in which atrocious crimes, unparalleled in history, and outrages against the law of nations, against the laws of humanity and against civilization were committed under particularly odious circumstances. The principal of these crimes were the following:

1. On the 20th of June His Excellency Baron von Ketteler, while on his way to the Sung Li Yamen, in the performance of official functions, was murdered by the regular army, acting under orders of their chiefs.
2. On the same day the foreign legations were attacked and besieged. The attacks continued without intermission until the 14th of August, on which day the arrival of foreign troops put an end to them. The attacks were made by the Imperial Chinese troops who joined the Boxers, and who obey the orders of the court, emanating from the Imperial palace. At the same time the Chinese government officially ordered, by its representatives, that it guaranteed the security of the legations.
3. On the 11th of June Mr. Su Janyan, Chinese minister of legation of Japan, while in the discharge of an official mission, was killed by regulars at the gates of the city. In Peking and in several provinces foreigners were murdered, tortured, or attacked by the Boxers and the regular troops, and such as escaped death found their salvation wholly by their own determined resistance. Their establishments were looted and destroyed.
4. Foreign cemeteries, at Peking especially, were desecrated, the graves opened and the remains scattered around. The occurrences necessarily led the powers to dispatch troops to China, to the end of protecting the lives of their representatives and restoring order. During their march to Peking, the allied forces met with resistance from the Chinese army, and had to overcome it by force.

Inasmuch as China has recognized her responsibility, expressed regret and evinced a desire to see an end put to the situation created by the atrocious disturbances, the powers have determined to accede to her request upon the irrevocable conditions incorporated below, which they deem indispensable to expiate the crimes committed, and to prevent their recurrence:

1. (a) The dispatch to Berlin of an extraordinary mission, headed by an Imperial prince, in order to express the regrets of His Majesty the Emperor of China and the Chinese government for the assassination of His Excellency the late Baron von Ketteler, minister of Germany; (b) the erection on the spot of the assassination of a commemorative monument, befitting the rank of the deceased, bearing an inscription in Latin, German and Chinese languages, expressing the regrets of the Emperor of China for the murder.
2. (a) The severest punishment for the persons designated in the Imperial decree of September 25th, 1900, and for those whom the representatives of powers shall subsequently designate; (b) the suspension for five years from all official examinations in all the cities where foreigners have been massacred or have been subject to cruel treatment.
3. Honorable reparation to be made by the Chinese government to the Japanese government for the murder of Mr. Sanyama.
4. An expository monument to be erected by the Imperial Chinese government in every foreign or international cemetery which has been desecrated, or in which the graves have been desecrated.
5. The maintenance, under conditions to be determined by the powers, of the interdiction against the importation of arms as well as of materials employed for the manufacture of arms and ammunition.
6. Equitable indemnities for governments, societies, companies and individuals, as well as for the Chinese who, in consequence of the late occurrences, have suffered in position or in property in consequence of their being in the service of the foreigners. China to adopt financial measures acceptable to the powers for the purpose of guaranteeing the payment of aid indemnities and the interest of loans.
7. The right for each power to maintain a permanent guard for its legation,

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Call and see our large assortment in Silver and Gold Watches. All guaranteed.

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OPPOSITE TROUBADOUR AVENUE. 80 GOVERNMENT STREET.

Clements' Casualties

Sixty Non-Commissioned Officers and Men Killed in Fight at Nootidacht.

Boers Have Suffered Severely in Small Engagements—Destroying the Railway.

London, Dec. 23.—Nothing official concerning events in Africa has reached the public since Lord Kitchener's dispatch of Wednesday last, reporting the crossing of the Orange river into Cape Colony of two hands of Boers. Last night the news was most meagre. Reports were received from Capetown that the railway had been torn up three miles north of De Aar.

A column of 500 of all arms, under command of Major Shute, left Capetown on December 18th by the Philippstown road to relieve a post of 20 Yeomanry who were invested on a farm at Hamfontein. The Boers had been beaten off by the Yeomanry before the relieving column arrived. Two wounded Boers were captured. They stated that their party had lost two killed and twelve wounded.

A Standerton dispatch, dated December 18th, says a sharp encounter took place with two parties of Boers near Kalksdrift, ten miles south of the railway. The Boer parties numbered 300. Both were routed after obstinate resistance. One retired in the direction of Gribbesaar's Drift and the other towards Villiersdorp. It is supposed that they lost severely. The British force lost two wounded, and captured a quantity of live stock and forage.

Many people of all classes gathered about the war office last evening, anxious for the welfare of friends engaged in the war, and especially for those connected with the regiments which were engaged in the Nootidacht battle. At a late hour a list of casualties was posted, showing that 60 had been killed and 162 wounded.

Dewet's Charge.
London, Dec. 22.—General Dewet would be far the most acceptable Christmas box to the average Englishman though there seems little likelihood of the wish being granted. The desire for the suppression of Mr. Dewet's name, however, is accompanied by generous admiration.

The Times says: "It would be unworthy of the British name to refuse the credit that is due to a feat of arms so brilliant as the unexpected dash back wards of Dewet and his men through the British lines."

Other papers take the same view, comparing the ride to Springham's Nek with the charge at Balaklava. In fact the admiration of the extraordinary daring displayed by the Boers on this occasion predominates.

CANADIAN BRIEFS.

Winnipeg, Dec. 22.—Mr. Robert Rogers, M. P. P., has been given a portfolio in the Manitoba cabinet, making five members of the provincial government with portfolios. Mr. D. H. McFadden has given place to Mr. Rogers, who was sworn in yesterday as minister of public works. Mr. McFadden becomes provincial secretary and municipal commissioner.

A bye-election in Manitoba will be necessary in consequence of the change in the cabinet. The writ has been issued, and the following Monday.

Frank Luke, a Swan river settler, was drowned in Cedar lake while trapping. He had been missing several weeks. His parents reside at Komoka, Ont.

Bellefleur, Dec. 22.—Henry Corby, M. P. (Cons.), in a letter published this evening, announced that in consequence of ill-health he will retire from political life, and will place his resignation in the hands of the Speaker as soon as the house has been organized.

Port William, Dec. 22.—The family of Mr. Daniel Campbell, five in number, living on May street, were all overcome by coal gas last night, and two of them are in a critical condition as a result.

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 22.—On the last day of December the Anglo-French modus vivendi, respecting the Newfoundland treaty coast expires, and this, it is expected, will create serious complications between the two powers. It is highly unlikely that the Newfoundland legislature will consent to renew the present arrangements, in which case grave friction will ensue, unless Great Britain makes another agreement with the French. The colony's position, however, is so strong with the British public that such an arrangement must be decided in favor of the colony.

Halifax, Dec. 24.—The building occupied by the Daily Chronicle was badly damaged by fire and a considerable part of the plant destroyed this morning. The loss, roughly estimated, is between \$8,000 and \$12,000, and is covered by insurance.

Charlottetown, Dec. 24.—Dr. James McLeod, one of the foremost physicians of Prince Edward Island, died on Saturday night after a long illness.

Kingston, Dec. 24.—Percy the Napanee bank robber, has had his left leg amputated above the knee. A running sore have caused the amputation.

SCHOOL CLOSING.

Enjoyable Exercises at the Close of the Term.

The primary classes of the South Ward, conducted by Misses Lawson and Fraser in the Kingston street school, celebrated on Friday the advent of Christmas holidays with a well rendered program to the delight of a large number of parents and friends who had gathered on the invitation of teachers or scholars. The board of trustees was represented by the wife of one of its members. The exercises consisted of kindergarten songs, nursery rhymes and recitations, in which the unconscious heartiness of children blended with, but was not destroyed by the skillful and painstaking training of the teachers. The creditable performance of the children reflects honorably on their teachers. In dismissing the classes with many kind wishes for the holidays, Miss Lawson intimated that plans were being taken to secure an organ for the use of the school, and that already the sum of \$50 was on hand for that purpose. Such an instrument would greatly facilitate the musical training of the children, which is now recognized as an integral part of primary education.

The pupils promoted from Primer II to Division I of the Hillside school (Miss S. Blackwell, teacher), are as follows: Harry Atkinson, Charlie Barnes, Mary Balnes, Edward Brooks, Ernest Babchuck, George Blackman, James Calvin, Willie Campbell, Josephine Cousins, Charles Catterall, Wong Chun, Irene Carter, Helen Gonnason, Agnes Hansen, Blanche Hampton, Nora Hewes, Leo Ives, May Jennings, Bertram Lemoh, Leslie Lane, Bak Goon—Lee, Quan Leck, Edna McCarty, Thomas Moore, Hazel Morrison, Ross Melhorn, Albert Moody, Hazel McKittrick, Esther Marvont, Robert Mercer, Clifford Noble, Frank Palmer, Beatrice Palmer, Alfred Smith, Alex. Simpson, Elsie Soloway, Robert Turner, Blanche Volo, Richard Walker, Wesley Walker, Charlotte Walker, Sam Wong, Willie Warlock, Wallace Williams, Allan Foote, Gladys Ledingham.

Equinault School.

The Christmas closing examination was held on Friday afternoon, and was well attended by pupils and parents, and a goodly number of visitors. J. Oliver, chairman of the school board, occupied the chair, and was ably assisted by Rev. E. Sharp, M.A., and the teacher, Miss Campbell. C. H. Hammond, another trustee, was also in attendance. The teacher put the pupils through several exercises, in which they acquitted themselves very creditably, then began songs, dialogues and recitations, of which there was a large selection, all thoroughly patriotic and British, particularly "Jolly Boys," "Johnny Canuck" and "Lads in Navy Blue." The schoolroom was very neatly decorated with flags and bunting, and fine portraits of Her Majesty, our beloved Queen, and Lord Roberts. At the close of the examination, Rev. C. E. Sharp, M.A., presented the teacher, Miss M. C. Campbell, with a beautiful lady's plush toilet set in the shape of a heart, the gift of the pupils to their teacher as a token of their esteem and appreciation of her painstaking in their many studies.

The scholars were all presented with nice books by the trustees and teacher, after which the pleasantest and most successful closing examination ever held in Equinault was brought to a close by singing the National Anthem, led by Master Albert Case.

Freelicks are said to be dying out. Scott was a lazy dull boy at school.

Remember Me For This Week.

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Everything to fix up your Xmas Dinner Table at Weiler's—the Table, Linen, China, Cutlery, Glassware, etc.

Have you read fortunes in the bottom of you tea-cup? Drink Houdi and read what its leaves say. "Every leaf draws."

Selecting Christmas presents is always a difficulty. Kodaks and finishing outfits make appropriate gifts. We have them, for beginners, from \$1.00. Best quality kodaks, \$8.00 to \$25.00. Fleming Bros., 52 Government street.

Don't fail to take in the Grand Prize drawing for the six tier fruit cake and the display of fine Xmas and New Year confectionery which will be on exhibition during the holidays at the noted Caledonian Bakery, 112 Yates street. J. C. Darling, Proprietor.

There will be a meeting at the school house, Royal Oak, on Saturday, the 5th of January next, at 2 p. m., for the purpose of discussing the question of establishing a creamery, and organizing. All persons interested in this important subject are asked to attend.

The reduced schedule for Christmas on the street car lines, mentioned several days ago, will be as follows: Fort street cars, every half hour, last car leaving Government street at 11:30; Esquimalt cars, every half hour, last car for Esquimalt, 11:30; Douglas street cars, every 40 minutes, last car, 11:25; Beacon Hill cars, every 40 minutes, last car, 11:35; Oak Bay cars, every half hour, last car from Junction to Oak Bay, 11:15.

The final donations to the Friendly Help Society, not previously acknowledged, are as follows: Mrs. D. R. Ker, pies; Ruby Smith, sugar and meal; Juanita Sears, cakes; Edward Sears, vegetables; Maudie Ledingham, Roy Ledingham, Gordon Ledingham, Ella Haggenback, jam; R. Porter & Sons, meat; Mrs. Gillespie's children, toys; Annie Rolfe, new hats, gloves and toys; Mrs. Herbert Carmichael, two new garments; Mrs. J. Wilson, four new garments; Mrs. Dr. York, package new clothing; Mrs. Worlock, three new garments; Mrs. Gore, three new garments; Mrs. Raymur, two pairs stockings; Mrs. Solly, new shirt; Mrs. Gooch, two new garments; Mrs. Leister, groceries and clothing; Master Fred Wood, two pairs gloves; Mrs. M. J. Thompson, 100 pounds rolled oats; Ezekiel and Thelma Thompson, groceries; Mrs. McTavish, meat.

See the Harvesting Machine at work at Searchlight, 62 Fort.

W. M. Brewer, M. E., has returned from an examination of the coal deposits of Salt Spring Island, and gives it as his opinion that the northern portion of the island is undoubtedly within the coal measures. He reports that the drilling operations in the island, which were referred to at some length in the Times a short time ago, will be undertaken in one of J. P. Booth's fields near one of the salt springs from which the island derived its name. The entire area covered by these coal deposits, he thinks, about three by nine miles.

The Fifth Regiment band are inaugurating a "season ticket series" of drill hall concerts, commencing January 5th, and ending March 23rd, 1901. The price of season tickets good for one admission to each of the twelve concerts is \$1, which is an average of about eight and a half cents a concert. The concerts are spread over a period of three months which means about a cent a day for the period mentioned. On the number of season tickets sold depends to a very large extent the quality of extra attractions that it will be possible to present. These tickets may be obtained from T. N. Hibben & Co., Army and Navy Cigar Store, or from any bandman.

The Fifth Regiment band concert held at the drill hall last Saturday evening was as usual attended by a large number of people. The concert was a success in every particular. The selections rendered by the band were much appreciated, while the Misses Ethel and Florence Scott, in vocal solos, rendered a well-deserved encore. The cake walk was undoubtedly the drawing card of the evening. Both couples proved themselves to be experts. Messrs. Gledmister and Carrol were awarded the prize by the judges. Another excellent concert to be given next Saturday evening. The special features will be selections by Master Edgar Fawcett, H. H. MacDonald, H. Wilfred Morse, and Macdonald Carroll.

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Will Raise The Topeka

Wrecking Crew Commences Operations on Stranded Steamer in Lynn Canal

Extensive Street Car System Proposed For Dawson-The Election in Atlin

After a very rough passage the Alaskan mail ship Cottage City arrived from the North on Saturday night. She brought among her passengers for this city W. Grant, who for the past year or two has been following his legal profession in Atlin. Judge Henry Staton, the first commissioner from Juneau for Alaska, was another passenger by the steamer.

The ship brings news that an effort is being made to raise the wrecked steamer City of Topeka, which struck on the rocks in Lynn canal a week ago last Saturday night. The vessel can be floated, in the opinion of Capt. Wallace, of the Cottage City, and a wrecking crew on the steamer Flossie had put out to the rescue before he left Skagway.

Much anxiety was felt at the Lynn canal port for the safety of the steamer schooner Tillamook, which plied between Juneau and Unalakleet. She was two weeks overdue at the former port when the Cottage City sailed, and it was generally feared some accident had happened to her. She was a vessel of about 500 tons register, and was owned by the Alaska Mail Steamship Company. F. J. McIllean, an arrival from Atlin in the Cottage City, says that the election recently held in that city turned out to be a most spirited contest. Out of a total number of 115 votes polled at Atlin, Gordon got a majority of three, the same candidate also winning a majority of four at Bennett, where 24 votes had been cast. At other polling stations in the district, however, he was defeated by his opponent, Mr. Maxwell, who was previously announced, headed the election with a majority of 13.

The Skagway News says that there is an unpleasant rivalry between the towns of the Lynn canal villages on account of the recent death of the chief of the coast tribes, Kodowet, of the Klukwans, is the most favored candidate, but there are several other aspirants and trouble between the rivals is feared.

Charles Stewart, of Dowell & Co., spoke recently before the chamber of commerce at Skagway, the meeting being held for the purpose of urging upon the United States government the need of more lighthouses on the Alaskan coast. The wrecks of the steamer Topeka and other vessels were given as reasons for such necessity.

News comes from Dawson of a sad accident occurring on Sulphur creek, where the child of Ed. Welton was smothered



JUST THE SEASON.

"Where are you going, my Turkey maid?"
"I am going a-walking, sir," she said.
"You had better be careful, my Turkey maid. Or someone will axe you, Miss," he said.

THE MAJOR THANKED.

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The following address was presented to Major Williams at the closing exercise at the Girls' Central school:

Pemberton Gymnasium, Victoria, B.C., 21st Dec., 1900.

Major Williams, 5th Regiment C. A.; Honorable Colonel First Girls' Battalion, Queen's Brigade:
Sir—On behalf of the officers, non-commissioned officers and boys and girls of my commands, I have the honor to thank you for your great kindness in acting as inspection officer during the term.

I thoroughly appreciate the value of the time you have devoted and the interest you have displayed in the performance of these duties.

I congratulate you, sir, not only upon the manner in which you trained without giving rise to jealousy, and condemned without causing discouragement. But also upon the good effect you have produced by your public spiritedness.

It is an honor to us all—and a great pleasure besides to myself—to have you, the officer second in command of the 5th Regiment C. A., associated with us in our work. I am, sir, your most obedient servant.

I ST. CLAIR,
Physical Director Victoria Public Schools.

Allice—She says she married him because he was different from the other men she knew.
Maude—He must have proposed to her.

SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES.

List of Those to Be Admitted Into the Normal School.

The results of the examinations for entrance into the Normal school, which were held at Victoria, Vancouver and Kamloops, on December 17th and 18th, are now published. The Normal school will open in the Vancouver High school building on Wednesday, January 9th at 9:30 o'clock. In connection with the list of successful candidates, whose names are given below, it is interesting to note that the Kamloops representatives secured the highest marks, Miss Bell being at the head of the province. The names of those successful in order of merit follow:

Kamloops—Ettie L. Bell, Mable Beattie.
Victoria—Leonard F. Sprague, Laura E. Simpson, Fannie M. Strachan, Eleanor C. Loat, Marion E. Camp, Colina Black, Mabel R. Clarke, Mabel Holt, Ethel Robertson, Lena Sexsmith, Louisa J. Carter, A. Dora Crawford, Florence U. Nicholles.
Vancouver—Arthur Mennell, Roberta Stevenson, Margaret M. Frame, Annie Haney, Daisy M. Webb, Emily Bradley, John A. McIvor, Donald McIvor, Grace E. Ross, Wilhelmina Murgatroyd, Andrew Tolmie, Isabel Haarer, Annie Currie, Ethel B. Park, Marguerite McTavish, Laura J. Snowden, Janet Charrman, Maggie E. McDowell, Norma E. C. McConnell, Margaret Ramsey.

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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 24-5 a.m.—The barometer has risen over the greater portion of the Pacific Northwest, the centre of the high area being in Utah; a low area is centred over Cariboo, where light snow is falling. Rain has been general over the Straits district, Washington and Oregon, a heavy fall of 1.70 inches in the last 24 hours being reported from Fort Canby; snow has fallen at Spokane. In the Northwest the weather is fair and cold.

Forecast.

For 36 hours ending 5 p.m. Tuesday.

Victoria and vicinity—Moderate or fresh winds, chiefly westerly and southerly, partly cloudy, with occasional rain, not much change in temperature.

Lower Mainland—Light or moderate winds, higher or straits of snow is partly cloudy, with occasional rain, stationary or lower temperature.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 30.03; temperature, 47; minimum, 45; wind, 16 miles W.; rain, .02; weather, rain.

New Westminster—Barometer, 30.00; temperature, 42; minimum, 40; wind, 4 miles S. W.; rain, .02; weather, fair.

Nanaimo—Wind, calm; weather, calm.

Kamloops—Barometer, 29.88; temperature, 34; minimum, 34; wind, 40 miles S.E.; weather, clear.

Barkerville—Barometer, 29.68; temperature, 26; minimum, 26; wind, 8 miles S.; snow, .01; weather, snow.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.20; temperature, 50; minimum, 48; wind, 8 miles N. W.; weather, cloudy.

CITY NEWS IN BRIEF.

See the new programme of moving pictures at 62 Fort street.

A few lots of Calendars, 1901, for sale. Johnston's, Douglas street.

Job lot of crosscut saws to be sold at less than half price. Shore's Hardware.

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Arrangements are in progress for a quadrille party to be held in the drill hall on Friday, 28th, before the decorations, put up for the regimental ball, are removed. A fair, a lady's waterproof, and several umbrellas, left at the hall the other evening can be recovered by applying to Sergt-Major Mulcahy.

The funeral of the late Chas. W. S. Christie took place yesterday afternoon from the residence of deceased's brother, north Chatham street. The religious services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Fraser. The obsequies turned out in a body and past Grand A. Graham and J. Wilby conducted services for the lodge at the graveside. The following acted as pallbearers: J. E. Smith, P. A. Babington, T. R. Mitchell, Geo. McCann, J. Bell and J. Wilby.

The funeral of the late Joseph Wm. Mackay took place yesterday afternoon from the family residence, 207 Johnson street, at 2:30 and from Christ Church Cathedral at 3:00 o'clock. Appropriate services were conducted by Rev. Bishop Perria, assisted by Rev. Canon Beaulieu. A large number of friends attended, and many floral pieces were presented. The following acted as pallbearers: Hon. Mr. Justice Drake, Senator McDonald, B. W. Pearson, Hon. D. M. Eberts, J. A. Mara, Alex. Munro, James R. Anderson and D. McLachlan.

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From Scene Of Wreck

D. G. S. Quadra Makes an Unsuccessful Search for Missing Bodies.

Captain Walbran's Official Report on the Loss of the Steamer Alpha.

D. G. S. Quadra, Capt. Walbran, returned yesterday from the scene of the wreck of the Alpha at Yellow Rock. In so far as the finding of any bodies was concerned the cruise of the vessel was unsuccessful, none having been recovered beyond those three already mentioned which were afterwards lost in making the landing at Denman Island wharf.

Mr. Barnes and another officer of the Quadra walked nine miles along the beach, and the steam cutter made the trip twice in the hope of discovering bodies, but in vain. The ship's grindstone and parts of the piano were picked up about three miles from the wreck.

Capt. Walbran's report to the department of marine and fisheries is as follows: "Upon arrival I found that the disaster had occurred on the east point of Yellow Rock, and that no communication had been possible with the wreck since it happened, owing to the heavy gales prevailing from the S. E. The wreck took place at 6:45 Saturday, December 15th. Twenty-six persons were saved by means of three ropes made fast between the fore rigging and the rock. Nine persons, including the captain, purser and the three engineers, were drowned, these unfortunate persons preferring to take their chances for life by staying on the ship, rather than by taking to the ropes.

The hull is totally submerged, and her masts, broken off floating in the water and held by wreckage, are now the only indications of the disaster.

The day after the disaster, the weather being moderated somewhat, a sloop from Hornby Island took all the survivors, with the exception of the boat-swain, who is at present at Yellow Rock standing by the wreck, on behalf of the owner, Mr. Genelle, of Vancouver, to Union, which place they stayed at until an opportunity occurred of proceeding to Vancouver. As the sloop went up the Sound three bodies were found on the beach near Reef Bluff, Denman Island, which proved to be those of Mr. Barber, purser, Mr. Murray, 3rd engineer, and a stowaway named McKay. An inquest was held on the bodies next day on Denman Island, the verdict, "accidentally drowned," being brought in by the jury. After the inquest the bodies were placed in a small boat and then towed by a small local steamer to Denman Island wharf. The night had set in stormy, and darkness came on before the wharf was reached where, in the confusion of making a landing in the darkness, wind and rain, the small boat with its contents got under the counter of the steamer, capsized, and the bodies sank at once. They have not yet been recovered as the tide has evidently swept them from the vicinity of the accident.

Upon my arrival at Union wharf, Messrs. Wilkinson and Steiner, first and second officers of the Alpha, were taken aboard the Quadra, and in due course landed at Vancouver. The remainder of the survivors had already left for Vancouver via Nanaimo. None of the survivors saved anything from the wreck, many of them not even the clothes they were wearing at the time of leaving the vessel.

"The afternoon of the day of my arrival being the first fine weather of any sort since the disaster, I placed my steam cutter at the disposal of the officers of the Alpha, who, with one of my officers and a party of seamen, carefully searched the coast line from Yellow Rock to Village Point, but no bodies

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were found. I also had a party patrol the Vancouver Island shore with like success. The next morning, Friday, I continued the search, but not finding any bodies, proceeded during the course of the day to Vancouver, where Mr. Wilkinson, with his brother officers and the papers and books, etc., picked up along the beach, were landed.

The shore of Denman Island is strewn with wreckage, principally dried fish in bulk, which can be of very little value now. The fittings of the ship which have been washed on shore are more or less matchwood.

"A morocco leather handbag was picked up on the beach about three miles from the wreck, which had been lost along the bottom by some person, and its contents abstracted. Mr. Wilkinson recognized it as a bag which had been in Mr. Barber's possession, and he understood its contents were of value.

"I desire to bring before the department the meritorious conduct of Mr. McDonald, lighthouse keeper at Yellow Rock. All of the wrecked people speak most highly of the kindness and attention with which he treated them.

"Twenty-six hungry men made a sad inroad on his storehouse, which he placed unreservedly at their disposal. After making due inquiries on the subject I supplied him with a small quantity of stores from the Quadra to keep him going for the present.

"I enclose the sworn testimony of the first officer of the late steamer Alpha and the lighthouse keeper regarding the disaster and the loss of life at Yellow Rock. This testimony will be required, I think, by the receiver of wrecks for this district.

"Also enclosed Form W. (g) Stranding, which you supplied me with and was filled up by the first officer of the late steamer, and signed by him in my presence."

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GEO. R. JACKSON.

CAUGHT IN THE ACT.

Chief and Sergeant of Police Cleverly Surprised Law-Breakers Skirting Coup.

Summonses have been served on the proprietors of the Germania and London saloons for retelling liquor on Sunday in contravention of the law. The offense was committed in one case between 7 and 9 o'clock last evening, and in the other about 11 o'clock. As a rule it is a somewhat difficult matter to detect a contravention of this sort, as it is necessary to catch the offenders in flagrant delicto. Last night, however, the chief and Sergeant Redgrave accomplished this at the Germania in a manner which would serve as a deterrent material for a time, and the small boy with an immature taste for literature of this sort. They entered through a somewhat recent passage and found all serene not the faintest suspicious circumstance in evidence. Even the conversation itself was moderate, and the habitués here themselves in a manner consistent with an apparent consciousness of sweet innocence.

The officers of the law retired, but not, as was surmised by those present, into the open air. On the contrary they skillfully managed to secrete themselves in an advantageous place, and from there witnessed the operations which resulted in the issuing of summonses. When the inebriated carnival was at its height, and the deluded law breakers were congratulating themselves on their cleverness in pulling the wool over the eyes of the chief and officer of Victoria's police, these two gentlemen calmly strode into the room, and after nonchalantly satisfying themselves that there was no deception took the names. The coup was a clever one, and shows Victoria's police to be strictly on the qui vive.

The Germania was entered by Sergeant Redgrave and Constables O'Leary and Leveclay later in the night, and summonses have been issued as a result in this instance also. They will probably appear in the police court on Wednesday.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES.

Festival Will Be Honored in a Number of Churches.

Christmas will be celebrated to-morrow by services in a number of the city churches. In St. James' holy communion will be held at 8 o'clock, and Mass and service by Rev. R. Allen at 11 a. m. A second celebration of holy communion will be held at 12 noon.

In St. Andrew's R. C. Cathedral there will be a midnight mass this year, but Mass will be celebrated at 6 a. m. to-morrow morning. Marz's Mass Solenne will be given at high mass at 10:30 as follows:

Kyle: Solists, Mesdames Williams and McQuade.

Gloria: Misses E. Sell and Keefe, Mrs. Williams, Messrs. Cooper and Oliver.

Offertory—"Ave Maria," Harrison Millard With violin obligato and harp accompaniment.

Miss E. Sell, soloist; harp, Mrs. F. J. Schi; violin, F. Victor Austin.

Credo: Solists, Miss McEliffe and Messrs. Cave and F. J. Schi.

Sanctus: Choir.

O-Solarius: Miss McEliffe.

Agnus Dei: Solists, Misses Burns and Stewart.

Adagio: Violins, Messrs. E. Powell, B. J. Bantly and T. A. Bantly; Viola, Mrs. Foster; cello, Mr. E. Roehon; basses, Mr. J. E. Rausch; organ, Mrs. C. A. Lombard.

Conductor: F. J. Schi.

At the Metropolitan Methodist church, Rev. E. C. Rowe will preach at 11 a. m. A collection will be taken up in aid of the sustentation fund, and the order of service will be as under:

Organ Voluntary; Doxology; Invocation; Scripture Reading, Luke XI, 8-20; Chorus, choir and congregation, "Hark the Herald Angels Sing," Hymn 142; Prayer; Anthem, choir, "O Come Ye Faithful"; Scripture Reading; Solo, Mrs. Standand, "The Ago," Organ; Hymn 146; Sermon, "The Unpeakable Gift"; Collection; Christmas Carol, choir; Hymn 148; Benediction.

A Merry Christmas To You

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Provincial News.

GREENWOOD.
On Wednesday evening, in the parlour of the Hotel Windsor, H. E. Poulinier was united in marriage to Miss Emma Nelson, of Ephraim, Utah. Rev. H. B. Balderson, pastor of the Methodist church, officiated at the ceremony.

CHILLIWACK.
Samuel Gilmore, late of Fairfield island, went on Monday to the woods, near Geo. Webb's house, and deliberately cut his throat with a razor. A search party found his dead body on Tuesday morning. The deceased was 40 years of age. Pelly, the coroner, held an inquest and a jury brought in a verdict that the deceased came to his death by cutting his throat. He leaves a widow to mourn his untimely end.

KAMLOOPS.
W. C. Myers, a native of Nova Scotia, died here of consumption, last Tuesday evening, aged 44 years. The deceased, who was a steamfitter, had been suffering from the malady.

Another well known old resident of this province passed away at an early hour on Friday morning in the person of Ohas. H. Heath, popularly known as Judge Heath. The deceased, who was 70 years of age, had been an inmate of the provincial home for the past two years. He was a native of New Jersey and at one time a county judge in California. Judge Heath was well known throughout Cariboo, having resided at Quessnell Forks for some considerable time following the mining business.

Toma Paul and Donald Lesh were on Thursday committed to stand their trial for the murder of Geo. Roth, trader, of Little Fort, which occurred on October 12th last. On Wednesday the prisoners appeared before W. P. Wood, J. P., and underwent a preliminary hearing which lasted all day and was concluded on Thursday morning.

NELSON.
Rev. J. H. White, pastor of the Methodist church, has returned from Sandou, where he preached the dedication sermon for the new Methodist church. It will be remembered that the old church and parsonage was destroyed in the big fire last summer and since then the congregation has been rustling to provide funds for a new edifice. They met with marked success, and the new and comfortable church just opened stands as a monument to their enterprise and zeal.

Thomas Couch, for the past six months employed at Mr. E. J. Robie's mercantile tailoring establishment, died at his residence on Victoria street on Wednesday afternoon after an illness of several weeks. Mr. Couch, who was 34 years of age, was born at St. Peterburg, Ontario, coming to Nelson last February.

His wife and a six-year-old son survive him. He leaves a father and mother at St. Peterburg.

MRS. A. M. LUSCOMB. aged 67 years, died at her residence on Mill street east at 1 o'clock on Friday morning. Although old age was fast causing her to sink in health, the immediate cause of death was attributed to heart disease. She leaves a husband, Thomas C. Luscomb, to mourn her loss.

MRS. W. F. CAMERON. died on Monday from the effects of a quantity of carbolic acid administered by her own hands, when in a condition of mental derangement. An inquest was held on Monday night, when the following facts were elicited. For several weeks she had been suffering from illness of a nervous nature, and on the day before her death, her physician informed her husband that he had grave fears that her mind would be afflicted.

Afternoon she purchased for disinfecting purposes, a three ounce bottle of carbolic acid, a three ounce bottle of which she swallowed a few hours later. She had dinner as usual at 6 o'clock, and then retired to her room. In a few minutes she came out again to the room in which her step-daughter, Mrs. Keating, was seated, and summoning the servant girl told her to go quickly for Mr. Cameron, who was in the stable. He came in at once, but she never spoke again, and expired almost immediately. At the inquest two letters which she left were read. One was to her husband. It was written on Sunday, and betrayed a very despondent condition of mind. "A post script added in pencil, on Monday, was as follows: 'I am much worse today. Good-bye.' The jury brought in the following verdict: 'That the deceased Mrs. Cameron came to her death from a dose of carbolic acid administered by her own hand, while temporarily insane.'"

VANCOUVER.

The death occurred on Wednesday morning of Isahanna, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Scriver, aged 21 years, after a short illness. Deceased was married on January 17th, 1895, to Francesco Gashardone, in the Roman Catholic church in Victoria. He represented himself to be 28 years of age, when actually he was 36 years. This was the first step toward a breach of the relations of the couple. She leaves a son about three years of age. She was an employee of the Hotel Vancouver and held in high esteem by all connected therewith, which is shown by the beautiful wreath sent and a purse containing \$25 for the child.

At a special meeting of the city council on Friday night Ald. Neelds introduced a by-law for the enforcement of the closing of barbers' shops on Sunday, which passed through the various stages and was finally adopted. This by-law is similar to the one now in force with the exception that it eliminates the clause prohibiting a barber from carrying

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Collector's List of Lands or Improvements on Real Property Within the Corporation of the City of Victoria To be Sold for Taxes, Interest and Costs on the TWENTY-NINTH DAY OF DECEMBER, 1900, at the City Council Chambers, City Hall, Victoria, B. C., at 12 o'clock noon, in pursuance of "The Victoria Real Property Tax Sale By-Law, 1900," unless in the meantime the arrears of Taxes, Interest and Costs due in respect of each Lot in the Schedule hereunder written be paid. If sold the said Lands and Improvements will be chargeable with a proportion of the Legal Costs of and incidental to the obtaining of the Judge's Order confirming such Sale.

Lot.	Block	Section.	Assessed Owner.	Registered Own.	Assessed Value.	Registered Value.	Arrears of Taxes.	Interest.	Costs.	Total.
10.	178-79.	1.	L. & J. John Mortimer	John Mortimer	20.70	20.70	3.38	5.34	38.42	38.42
11.	178-79.	1.	L. & J. Mrs. D. Passanaro	Dominic Passanaro	39.15	39.15	6.04	7.02	50.21	50.21
12.	178-79.	1.	L. & J. S. Andrews	N. H. Van Buren	2.40	2.40	0.39	0.51	3.30	3.30
13.	178-79.	1.	L. & J. Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	21.00	21.00	3.38	5.34	29.72	29.72
14.	178-79.	1.	L. & J. Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	23.10	23.10	3.69	6.04	32.83	32.83
15.	178-79.	1.	L. & J. Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	22.40	22.40	3.58	5.85	31.83	31.83
16.	178-79.	1.	L. & J. Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	24.30	24.30	3.90	6.31	34.51	34.51
17.	178-79.	1.	L. & J. Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	14.40	14.40	2.31	3.51	19.22	19.22
18.	178-79.	1.	L. & J. Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	15.30	15.30	2.47	3.75	20.52	20.52
19.	178-79.	1.	L. & J. Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	15.30	15.30	2.47	3.75	20.52	20.52
20.	178-79.	1.	L. & J. Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	15.30	15.30	2.47	3.75	20.52	20.52
21.	178-79.	1.	L. & J. Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	15.30	15.30	2.47	3.75	20.52	20.52
22.	178-79.	1.	L. & J. Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	15.30	15.30	2.47	3.75	20.52	20.52
23.	178-79.	1.	L. & J. Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	15.30	15.30	2.47	3.75	20.52	20.52
24.	178-79.	1.	L. & J. Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	15.30	15.30	2.47	3.75	20.52	20.52
25.	178-79.	1.	L. & J. Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	15.30	15.30	2.47	3.75	20.52	20.52
26.	178-79.	1.	L. & J. Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	15.30	15.30	2.47	3.75	20.52	20.52
27.	178-79.	1.	L. & J. Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	15.30	15.30	2.47	3.75	20.52	20.52
28.	178-79.	1.	L. & J. Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	15.30	15.30	2.47	3.75	20.52	20.52
29.	178-79.	1.	L. & J. Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	15.30	15.30	2.47	3.75	20.52	20.52
30.	178-79.	1.	L. & J. Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	15.30	15.30	2.47	3.75	20.52	20.52
31.	178-79.	1.	L. & J. Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	15.30	15.30	2.47	3.75	20.52	20.52
32.	178-79.	1.	L. & J. Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	15.30	15.30	2.47	3.75	20.52	20.52
33.	178-79.	1.	L. & J. Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	15.30	15.30	2.47	3.75	20.52	20.52
34.	178-79.	1.	L. & J. Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	15.30	15.30	2.47	3.75	20.52	20.52
35.	178-79.	1.	L. & J. Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	15.30	15.30	2.47	3.75	20.52	20.52
36.	178-79.	1.	L. & J. Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	15.30	15.30	2.47	3.75	20.52	20.52
37.	178-79.	1.	L. & J. Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	15.30	15.30	2.47	3.75	20.52	20.52
38.	178-79.	1.	L. & J. Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	15.30	15.30	2.47	3.75	20.52	20.52
39.	178-79.	1.	L. & J. Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	15.30	15.30	2.47	3.75	20.52	20.52
40.	178-79.	1.	L. & J. Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	15.30	15.30	2.47	3.75	20.52	20.52
41.	178-79.	1.	L. & J. Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	15.30	15.30	2.47	3.75	20.52	20.52
42.	178-79.	1.	L. & J. Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	15.30	15.30	2.47	3.75	20.52	20.52
43.	178-79.	1.	L. & J. Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	15.30	15.30	2.47	3.75	20.52	20.52
44.	178-79.	1.	L. & J. Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	15.30	15.30	2.47	3.75	20.52	20.52
45.	178-79.	1.	L. & J. Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	15.30	15.30	2.47	3.75	20.52	20.52
46.	178-79.	1.	L. & J. Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	15.30	15.30	2.47	3.75	20.52	20.52
47.	178-79.	1.	L. & J. Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	15.30	15.30	2.47	3.75	20.52	20.52
48.	178-79.	1.	L. & J. Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	15.30	15.30	2.47	3.75	20.52	20.52
49.	178-79.	1.	L. & J. Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	15.30	15.30	2.47	3.75	20.52	20.52
50.	178-79.	1.	L. & J. Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	15.30	15.30	2.47	3.75	20.52	20.52
51.	178-79.	1.	L. & J. Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	15.30	15.30	2.47	3.75	20.52	20.52
52.	178-79.	1.	L. & J. Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	15.30	15.30	2.47	3.75	20.52	20.52
53.	178-79.	1.	L. & J. Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	15.30	15.30	2.47	3.75	20.52	20.52
54.	178-79.	1.	L. & J. Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	15.30	15.30	2.47	3.75	20.52	20.52
55.	178-79.	1.	L. & J. Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	15.30	15.30	2.47	3.75	20.52	20.52
56.	178-79.	1.	L. & J. Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	15.30	15.30	2.47	3.75	20.52	20.52
57.	178-79.	1.	L. & J. Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	15.30	15.30	2.47	3.75	20.52	20.52
58.	178-79.	1.	L. & J. Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	15.30	15.30	2.47	3.75	20.52	20.52
59.	178-79.	1.	L. & J. Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	15.30	15.30	2.47	3.75	20.52	20.52
60.	178-79.	1.	L. & J. Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	15.30	15.30	2.47	3.75	20.52	20.52
61.	178-79.	1.	L. & J. Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	15.30	15.30	2.47	3.75	20.52	20.52
62.	178-79.	1.	L. & J. Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	15.30	15.30	2.47	3.75	20.52	20.52
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64.	178-79.	1.	L. & J. Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	15.30	15.30	2.47	3.75	20.52	20.52
65.	178-79.	1.	L. & J. Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	15.30	15.30	2.47	3.75	20.52	20.52
66.	178-79.	1.	L. & J. Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	15.30	15.30	2.47	3.75	20.52	20.52
67.	178-79.	1.	L. & J. Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	15.30	15.30	2.47	3.75	20.52	20.52
68.	178-79.	1.	L. & J. Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	15.30	15.30	2.47	3.75	20.52	20.52
69.	178-79.	1.	L. & J. Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	15.30	15.30	2.47	3.75	20.52	20.52
70.	178-79.	1.	L. & J. Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	15.30	15.30	2.47	3.75	20.52	20.52
71.	178-79.	1.	L. & J. Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	15.30	15.30	2.47	3.75	20.52	20.52
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74.	178-79.	1.	L. & J. Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	15.30	15.30	2.47	3.75	20.52	20.52
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77.	178-79.	1.	L. & J. Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	15.30	15.30	2.47	3.75	20.52	20.52
78.	178-79.	1.	L. & J. Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	15.30	15.30	2.47	3.75	20.52	20.52
79.	178-79.	1.	L. & J. Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	15.30	15.30	2.47	3.75	20.52	20.52
80.	178-79.	1.	L. & J. Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	15.30	15.30	2.47	3.75	20.52	20.52
81.	178-79.	1.	L. & J. Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	15.30	15.30	2.47	3.75	20.52	20.52
82.	178-79.	1.	L. & J. Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	15.30	15.30	2.47	3.75	20.52	20.52
83.	178-79.	1.	L. & J. Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	15.30	15.30	2.47	3.75	20.52	20.52
84.	178-79.	1.	L. & J. Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	15.30	15.30	2.47	3.75	20.52	20.52
85.	178-79.	1.	L. & J. Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	15.30	15.30	2.47	3.75	20.52	20.52
86.	178-79.	1.	L. & J. Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	15.30	15.30	2.47	3.75	20.52	20.52
87.	178-79.	1.	L. & J. Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	15.30	15.30	2.47	3.75	20.52	20.52
88.	178-79.	1.	L. & J. Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	15.30	15.30	2.47	3.75	20.52	20.52
89.	178-79.	1.	L. & J. Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	15.30	15.30	2.47	3.75	20.52	20.52
90.	178-79.	1.	L. & J. Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	15.30	15.30	2.47	3.75	20.52	20.52
91.	178-79.	1.	L. & J. Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	15.30	15.30	2.47	3.75	20.52	20.52
92.	178-79.	1.	L. & J. Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	15.30	15.30	2.47	3.75	20.52	20.52
93.	178-79.	1.	L. & J. Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	15.30	15.30	2.47	3.75	20.52	20.52
94.	178-79.	1.	L. & J. Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	15.30	15.30	2.47	3.75	20.52	20.52
95.	178-79.	1.	L. & J. Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	15.30	15.30	2.47	3.75	20.52	20.52
96.	178-79.	1.	L. & J. Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	15.30	15.30	2.47	3.75	20.52	20.52
97.	178-79.	1.	L. & J. Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	15.30	15.30	2.47	3.75	20.52	20.52
98.	178-79.	1.	L. & J. Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	15.30	15.30	2.47	3.75	20.52	20.52
99.	178-79.	1.	L. & J. Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	15.30	15.30	2.47	3.75	20.52	20.52
100.	178-79.	1.	L. & J. Henry Nathan	Henry Nathan	15.30	15.30	2.47	3.75	20.52	20.52

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ENTERPRISE DAMAGED.

Victoria Steamer Puts Into Port Angeles In a Badly Crippled Condition.

Schooner Enterprise, Capt. Gullin, is said to have returned to Port Angeles yesterday, having been still another of the victims of the tempestuous wind and rain in all its severity off the Cape a week or so ago.

The vessel, it is stated, carried away her jib-boom, sprung her mainmast, lost her boats, and was otherwise in a badly crippled condition. One of her crew, it is rumored, was also lost overboard during the big blow.

The news comes in a dispatch from Port Angeles, which, however, only gives the most meagre particulars. In response to the message, John Clarke, the owner's son, went over to Port Angeles on Sunday, and has not been heard from, therefore definite information regarding the vessel's troubles has to be awaited.

The Times, hearing of the Enterprise's ill-luck, wired to Angeles this afternoon for further news, but received a reply that the schooner was not in port. Instead, the schooner Yosemite was reported to have put back to port in a damaged condition, having lost a portion of her deck load of lumber.

The Enterprise left here for a cruise off the California coast a couple of weeks ago, and carried a full white crew. She was one of those in the sailing company. Her owner just went east to where his family are residing in Nova Scotia last week.

OUTBREAK FEARED.

Indians at Sitka Assume Threatening Attitude—Marines Under Arms.

(Associated Press.)

Seattle, Wn., Dec. 24.—Advises have been received from Sitka, Alaska, stating that that town is in a condition of suppressed excitement fearing an outbreak of Indians. The United States marines stationed there are under arms, and the marshal and the deputies are taking every precaution to prevent the outbreak in case of trouble. The aspect of affairs is very serious at Sitka, as the Indians are by far the strongest numerically. There are 55 marines commanded by Capt. Fendleton at Sitka.

STATES DECLINE

To Take Part in the Quarrel Between Bolivia and Chili.

(Associated Press.)

New York, Dec. 24.—A formal request from Bolivia that the United States use its influence to settle the boundary trouble between Bolivia and Chili, has been denied, says the Washington special to the Times. The United States declines the request on the ground that it had no wish to interfere between the South American states in quarrels that concerned only themselves. If it had been asked to arbitrate the case it would have been different.

JAMES HILL IN NEW YORK.

(Associated Press.)

New York, Dec. 24.—The Journal of Commerce says: "The presence in this city of Jas. J. Hill, president of the Great Northern railroad, and one of the largest stockholders of the Northern Pacific, is regarded as indicative of important action of the directors of the last named road this week. Persons connected with the Northern Pacific management say that arrangements have been practically completed for the retirement of the \$75,000,000 of preferred stock of that company."

A WOMAN'S AWFUL PERIL.

"There is only one chance to save your life and that is through an operation." Were the startling words heard by Mrs. J. B. Hunt of Lime Ridge, Wis., from her doctor after he had vainly tried to cure her of a frightful case of stomach trouble and yellow jaundice. Gall stones had formed and she constantly grew worse. Then she began to use Electric Bitters, which wholly cured her. It's a wonderful Stomach, Liver, and Kidney remedy. Cures Dyspepsia, Loss of Appetite. Try it. Only 50 cents. Guaranteed. For sale by F. W. Fawcett & Co.

SHIPPING NEWS.

HAPPENINGS OF A DAY ALONG THE WATERFRONT.

VICTORIA TIDES.

By F. Napier-Denzon.

The zero of the accompanying scale corresponds to the average lowest yearly tide, and 18.6 feet above the sill of the Esquimalt dry dock.

Tuesday, Dec. 25.		Wednesday, Dec. 26.	
Time.	Height above zero.	Time.	Height above zero.
8:20 a.m.	8.8 feet.	8:30 a.m.	8.8 feet.
11:30 a.m.	7.8 feet.	12:30 p.m.	7.0 feet.
1:30 p.m.	8.7 feet.	3:40 p.m.	8.2 feet.
11:40 p.m.	2.5 feet.		

Tug Tatosah, of the Port Townsend tug-boat fleet, has left for Barclay Sound to tow the bark Highland Light back to port. The bark, it will be remembered, put in for shelter last week, and according to telegraph accounts, is in a bad condition. She will have to undergo extensive repairs before again going to sea, but these, it is expected, will be made on the Sound, as the ship is then to be towed after the tug calls in here for clearance papers. The Highland Light is a wooden vessel of two decks and 1,500 tons register. She was wrecked here by the Esquimalt Marine Railway Company on March 26th of last year, when repairs to her sheathing and rudder were effected. She had been caught in bad weather off the Cape and had sustained injuries then which necessitated her repairs.

Steamship Olympia will leave here for the Orient this evening. The sailing dates of the other seven steamships of the N. P. line scheduled to sail during the thirty days from January to February 2nd are announced as follows: Glenariff, 3,026 tons register, Capt. Webster, January 7th; Bremer, 2,316 tons register, Captain Watt, January 11th; Tacoma, 1,680 tons register, Captain Dixon, January 14th; Glenfarg, 2,380 tons register, Captain Selby, about January 17th; Glenogle, 2,380 tons register, Captain Stevenson, about January 19th; Duke of Free, 2,444 tons register, Captain Cox, January 31st; Victoria, 2,412 tons register, Captain Panton, February 1st.

H. M. S. Amphion, Capt. J. Casement, which is on her way out to the Esquimalt station, has arrived at Valparaiso. The Pacific station, was expected to reach Deception on the 14th inst., having previous to that date made St. Vincent in safety. Word has also been received in naval circles that Rear Admiral Hugo L. Pearson, who has been in command of the Australian squadron since January, 1898, is returning to England, and is expected to arrive in February, next, being relieved by Rear Admiral Lewis A. Beaumont, who was recently transferred to the southern station.

Steamer Rosalie did not leave Seattle this morning until 10 o'clock, and will not reach Victoria until 5:30, instead of 3:30, as usual. She will leave again on time to-night. She will be rejoined this evening by her shipper, Capt. Roberts, who has been ill and off duty for some time.

Steamer Walla Walla leaves here for San Francisco on Christmas evening. The Unatilla from the Golden Gate being due in the morning. There will embark on the former Dr. J. R. McKinnon, Mrs. Ethel Butler, D. S. Thompson and Carl Koehne and wife.

Park Senator, the wooden vessel, which had so many misadventures when here a year ago, has again been chartered for a British Columbia cargo. She is now at Collier and has been secured to land at Chemainus.

Scholar Flyer, the halibut fishing craft for which some anxiety had been felt, because of her long absence from port, has returned to New Westminster. Her long delay up North was due to bad weather.

A message from Carmanville states that at 9 a.m., a four-masted ship, a three-masted ship and a steamer were passing that point toward land.

D. G. S. Quadra went down this morning to Raccoe lighthouse with supplies for the keeper there. She will return this evening.

American bark St. James was towed to sea on Saturday. She has aboard 1,200 tons of lumber, valued at \$12,500 for Melburne.

Schooners Dora Siewer, Captain O'Leary, and Boroculis, Captain Munro, are in the Bay today ready to proceed to sea.

The ship Largo Law is in berth in London for this port. She will be one of the January-February sailings.

Steamer Princess Louise left Vancouver at 1:20 and connected with the Eastern train.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES: Children's Entertainments to Be Held During the Week.

The annual children's Christmas entertainment of the Metropolitan Choral Society will be held on Thursday evening in the Sunday school room of the church. A splendid programme will be rendered by the children. A supper will be served, after which Santa Claus will appear and distribute the prizes.

The Spring Hill Methodist church will hold their Christmas tree on Wednesday evening. An excellent programme of music, etc., will be rendered, after which the children will sit down to a Christmas supper. Santa Claus will then make his appearance and strip the Christmas tree.

Knox Presbyterian Sunday school will also hold their Christmas tree on Wednesday evening. Tea will be served at 5:30, after which a programme will be rendered. Prizes will be distributed, following which there will be games.

The young people of the Chinese Methodist mission will hold their Christmas tree on Friday evening. A Christmas tree loaded with prizes for the children will be stripped. Music and supper will follow.

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Sporting News

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

JUNIOR LEAGUE GAME.

A match was played between the North Ward and Central school boys on Saturday afternoon and resulted in a victory for North Ward school by a score of 2 to nil. The game was fast and exciting throughout. In the first half the teams seemed evenly matched, but before the finish of the game the North Ward, it could be seen, had the strongest players. The combination play was very poor on both sides, but some very clever individual play was performed. After a long struggle the North Ward boys managed to put the ball past the Central goal keeper. Shortly after this point was secured the whistle blew for half time. On resuming play, the Central forwards braved up and took the ball down into North Ward territory. The admirable play of the North Ward backs, however, prevented them from scoring. The North Ward forwards then obtained possession of the ball and with a combined push carried it into the goal. The Central school and their fans were then kicked through the goal by one of the North Ward players. This made the second goal scored by the North Ward school. The defence work of both teams was excellent. Walter Loring acted as referee to the satisfaction of both sides.

HIGH SCHOOL V. COLUMBIAS.

The intermediate teams—High school and Columbias—also played a very exciting and evenly contested match at Beacon Hill on Saturday afternoon last. In the first half neither team gained any material advantage although the High school seemed to be getting the best of it. In the latter part of the game, however, the High school carried the only goal of the game, in spite of the strenuous endeavors of the Columbias to prevent them. Those who distinguished themselves on the High school team were Bernard Johnson and Samuel Shanks. Wilson and Peden played a good game for the Columbias.

COMETS V. COLUMBIAS.

A friendly game of football will be played tomorrow morning at Beacon Hill between the Comets and Columbias. The match will commence at 10:30 a.m. Both teams are in the pink of condition and an exciting game is expected. The following are the teams:

Comets—Goal, J. McDonald; full backs, Loring and Simpson; half backs, Morrison, Donaldson and Barber; forwards, Donaldson, George, Cox, McKinnon, and Johnson; substitutes, F. Fox.

Columbias—Goal, McKinnon; backs, Wilmar and Brooker; half backs, Hisecks, Wilson and Haughton; forwards, Foote, Vaine, Andrews, T. Smith and Hughes.

SENIOR LEAGUE MEET AT NANAIMO LEAGUE MEET AT NANAIMO.

A meeting of the Senior Association Football League will be held at Nanaimo next Friday, December 28th. Delegates representing two teams from Vancouver, one from New Westminster, one from Nanaimo, one from Extension and two from Victoria—Victoria senior team and Royal Garrison—will be present. The schedule of the games will be drawn up, and the business of the season attended to.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

THEIR ANNUAL DANCE.

The annual dance of the Victoria Rugby Football Club will be held in the Assembly rooms, Fort street, on Wednesday, 16th January next. The music, which was a feature of last year's dance, will be again supplied by Mr. Finn. It will be simply the best that can be procured. The sub-committee in charge of it are Messrs. A. T. Goward, C. Gamble, Bromley and Alexis Marth.

In the provincial police court this morning the case came up of Thomas Andrew, who was charged with wounding a Chinaman named Wong Lung in the hand with a knife at the Globe hotel on Saturday afternoon. The Chinaman is a waiter, and was wounded while serving at Andrew's table. The accused was taken in charge by Constable Campbell. The case was laid over. The case of the young man Lovell, charged with the theft of a bag from Mr. Perkins, of Glenford road, is being continued this afternoon.

CONSIGNMENTS.

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